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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN

CCD MEMBERSHIP

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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF REVIEWED WITH DFA (ROGERS) AUG 9
AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN CCD. ROGERS
NOTED AUSTRALIAN INTEREST AND TERMED U.S. ATTITUDE OF
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CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO AUSTRALIAN ADMISSION. EMBOFF

NOTED DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN AUSTRALIAN ADMISSION, DRAWING ON POINTS IN REF A. ROGERS CONFIRMED THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR SHAW WILL RAISE ISSUE WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS CALL AUG 12. ROGERS UNDERLINED AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN CCD DID NOT GO AS FAR AS AMBASSADOR CORKERY IN GENEVA. END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING UP ON SUGGESTION IN PARA 3 OF REF A, EMBOFF AUG 9 REVIEWD WITH DFA (ROGERS, FIRST ASST SECRETARY , DEFENSE DIVISION) ISSUE OF AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN CCD MEMBERSHIP. EMBOFF NOTED ACDA OFFICER HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR (REF A) ON ISSUE AND REPEATED SAME POINTS. EMBOFF NOTED IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON AUSTRALIAN MEMBERSHIP IN CCD AND ASKED HOW STRONGLY AUSTRALIA IS PRESSING ITS APPLICATION.

3. ROGERS SAID LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS LONG INTEREST IN MATTER OF DISARMAMENT AND THAT DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NOTING THAT EXPANSION OF CCD WAS IN THE WIND, HAD THOUGHT AUSTRALIA HAD GOOD CASE FOR MEMBERSHIP. AUSTRALIA IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT STRENGTHENING NPT. ONLY MEMBER OF CCD IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS BURMA, WHICH ONLY RARELY ATTENDS AND WHICH HAS LITTLE TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING OF SUBJECT MATTER. AUSTRALIA FEELS IT HAS SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE. ROGERS NOTED THAT AUSTRALIAN LETTER PRESENTED TO AMB MARTIN IN GENEVA AUG 6 REF B) WAS STEP IN FORMALIZING AUSTRALIAN APPLICATION. ROGERS ADDED THAT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD QUERIED DFA ON MEANING OF WORD " UNFORTUNATE" (PARA 6, REF B), AND DFA HAD SENT RESPONSE TO EMBASSY AUG 8, REAFFIRMING AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION. ROGERS RECALLED THAT COMPOSITION OF CCD WAS UNUSUAL IN THAT IT DIFFERED FROM COMPOSITION OF MOST UN BODIES, ENLARGEMENT OF FIVE COUNTRIES WAS ALSO UNUSUAL, AND AUSTRALIA THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF CCD COULD NOT BE ENLARGED BY SIX COUNTRIES (TWO GERMANIES, PERU, IRAN, ZAIRE, AND AUSTRALIA).

4. ROGERS NOTED THAT TERM "NO -ALIGNED- IN CCD CONTEXT
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WAS NOT USED IN SAME WAY AS IN MOST UN BODIES. BASIC CONCEPT HAD BEEN THAT MEMBERSHIP WOULD INCLUDE NATO COUNTRIES, WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES , AND OTHERS, WHICH WERE TERMED " NON-ALIGNED." IN FACT, SOME OF THEM, PAKISTAN FOR EXAMPLE, COULD NOT QUALIFY FOR THE CATEGORY OF "NON-ALIGNED." AUSTRALIA DID NOT CONSIDER ITSELF "NON-ALIGNED" AND FELT IT WAS MORE OR LESS IN A CATEGORY SIMILAR TO NATO. ROGERS SAID THAT THE SOVIETS

HAD INFORMED AUSTRALIA THAT IT WAS, IN EFFECT, IN THE NATO CATEGORY AND THAT ITS ADMISSION WOULD HAVE TO BE BALANCED BY AN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY. ROGERS ADDED THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE, SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE RUN OUT OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ALL OF WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF CCD. SWEDES HAD SUGGESTED AUSTRALIA ATTEMPT TO ENTER IN SEPARATE CATEGORY. JAPANESE HAD TOLD AUSTRALIANS THEY FELT AUSTRALIA WOULD PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN CCD, AND JAPAN WOULD SUPPORT EXPANSION OF CCD BY 10 IF NECESSARY TO ENSURE AUSTRALIA IS ADMITTED.

5. ROGERS RECALLED THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR SHAW HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE SECRETARY KISSINGER ON MONDAY AUG12, AND THAT IT WAS SHAW'S INTENTION TO RAISE THIS MATTER.

6 COMMENT: DEEP INTEREST OF AUSTRALIA IN ADMISSION TO CCD WAS QUITE CLEAR THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION. ROGERS NOTED THAT U.S. ATTITUDE WAS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO MATTER WHICH WAS OF DEEP INTEREST TO AUSTRALIA, SINCE U.S. OPPOSITION WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR AUSTRALIA TO ENTER CCD. ROGERS AT NO TIME DURING CONVERSATION USED TERM "INTOLERABLE," AS AMBASSADOR CORKEY DID IN GENEVA AUG 6 IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MARTION. AUSTRALIA CLEARLY WANTS TO TAKE PART IN CCD, BUT CORKERY VERY LIKELY WENT A BIT FAR IN PRESENTATION OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS. END COMMENT.
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